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SUBJ: HELLENIKON SUBGROUP MEETING, JULY 3

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1. GREEK TEAM VISITED HELLENIKON ON JULY 3 AS AGREED AT JULY 2 SUBGROUP MEETING. BASE PERSONNEL BRIEFED ON CIVIL ENGINEER AND AIRLIFT ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS PROPOSED MOVE OF 6916 SCTY SQ TO BUILDING 510. GREEK SPOKESMAN AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT SOME SLIGHT REDUCTION IN MANNING COULD BE POSSIBLE IF GREEK EMPLOYEES WERE MOBILIZED IN PLACE, NOTING THAT THIS ISSUE WAS AS YET UNRESOLVED. BRIEFINGS WERE FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF FACILITIES AND A FIRST HAND LOOK AT US PROPOSALS TO REDUCE VISIBILITY. GREEK SPOKESMAN CONSIDERED US MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS TO BE VALID IN BOTH CIVIL ENGINEER-

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ING AND AIRLIFT ACTIVITIES. GREEKS REGARDED VISIBILITY

PROPOSALS AS USEFUL, VIEWED THE AREAS WHERE CHANGES WOULD BE EFFECTED, BUT WERE NOT ABLE TO ADDRESS ISSUES AT PRESENT TIME.

2. IN JULY 4 MEETING, THE US SPOKESMAN RESURFACED ISSUE OF COUNTING GREEK EMPLOYEES WITH GREEK MILITARY AS COMPARISON BASE. GREEK SPOKESMAN INDICATED THIS HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AMB. CALOGERAS, WHO SAID THE COMPARISON MUST BE OF MILITARY POPULATIONS ONLY. GREEKS SAID THEY COULD NOT HELP FIND A SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCING NUMBERS, AND THAT IT WAS UP TO THE US TO FIND A WAY. US REP CITED TIME REQUIRED AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH POSSIBLE RELOCATIONS. GREEKS ACKNOWLEDGED THESE, BUT REITERATED THAT A MAJOR RELOCATION APPEARED ONLY WAY TO REDUCE US POPULATION, ADDING THAT THEY WERE OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE RELOCATION SITES EXCEPT CRETE. GREEK REP RAISED ISSUE OF SCHOOLS AND BX, BUT IT WAS AGREED THESE WOULD NOT AFFECT THE NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. GREEK SIDE THEN RETURNED TO THE RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY, WHICH THEY CHARACTERIZED AS THE CENTRAL ISSUE, BECAUSE NO OTHER LARGE NUMBER OF US MILITARY PERSONNEL APPEARED TO BE RELOCATABLE. GREEKS SAW LITTLE THAT COULD BE DONE WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES, AND SAID A REVISED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS OR RELOCATION OF THE RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY SEEMED TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO REDUCE THE NUMBERS TO THE LEVEL THEY HAD IN MIND.

3. AFTER US REPS AGAIN CITED DIFFICULTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE RELOCATION OPTION, IT WAS AGREED TO DEFER FURTHER MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF CALOGERAS-BITSIOS REVIEW OF SITUATION FOLLOWING STEARNS-CALOGERAS CONVERSATION OF JULY 3 (REF B). IT WAS AGAIN NOTED THAT THE OUTCOME OF HELLENIKON DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY EVENTS ELSEWHERE, INCLUDING NATO DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. US REPS THEN VOICED THE ASSUMPTION THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON A REDUCED US PRESENCE AT HELLENIKON NEED NOT BE REACHED UNTIL SOMEWHAT LATER, TO WHICH GREEK REPS DID NOT OBJECT. KUBISCH

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